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RE: MUR 5299 Gordon Smith for US Senate Cary C. Evans, Treasurer

Dear Messrs. Engle & Ward:

This is in response to your letter dated October 3, 2002, which we received on October 3, 2002, requesting an extension until October 23, 2002, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on October 23, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kim C. Stevenson, Paralegal Central Enforcement Docket